HOUSE BILL 1897

By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4 and Title 12, relative to state government buildings and facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Facilities Efficiency in Construction and Enhancement of Structures Act of 2007".

SECTION 2. There is created a special committee to study the efficiency in construction and enhancement of state structures and facilities.

SECTION 3. The committee is charged to study, receive testimony, deliberate upon and make recommendations for constructing or enhancing state buildings and facilities. The committee's findings and recommendations shall address all aspects of constructing or enhancing state buildings and facilities including costs; contracting; requests for proposals; gifts and other fundraising mechanisms; engineering and architectural services; and any other information the committee deems relevant.

SECTION 4. The committee shall consist of five (5) members, as follows: two (2) members of the senate, including at least one (1) member of the senate state and local government committee, appointed by the speaker of the senate; two (2) members of the house of representatives, including at least one (1) member of the house state and local government committee, appointed by the speaker of the house; and one (1) person appointed by the governor.

SECTION 5. The committee shall be convened by the legislative member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly and, at its organizational meeting, shall elect from among its legislative membership, a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee may deem necessary.

SECTION 6. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

SECTION 7. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly within two (2) years of the effective date of this act, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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